

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
January 21, 2018



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Parish Phone Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.9275
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Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Email Address: ofcmgr@spnparish.org
Website Address: www.spnparish.org

Religious Education Office Summer Hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Email address: prep@spnparish.org

Neri Center Address

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

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Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Email address: youthministry@spnparish.org

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

Monday's at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel

Monday – Friday:

9:00 am - 7:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

First Friday's:

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM followed by Benediction.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar, please call the rectory.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses as announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - St. Anne Chapel

The Chapel is open Monday thru Saturday until 7:00 PM for your visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel attached to the rectory:

Monday's: Communion Service: 8:00 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

or: at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule

2nd Sunday Baptisms are held at the 10 AM Mass

3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

SPONSORS: Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

need to be at least 16 years of age, be baptized and

Receive the Sacraments of Communion

and Confirmation, attend Mass weekly, and if

married, be in a valid Marriage.

PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least SIX

MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Stop by or call the rectory between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

SHUT-INS

Call the Parish Outreach Office.

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Call the Rectory Office.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Catholic Parish Community of St. Philip Neri, answering Christ's call to discipleship through Word, Sacrament and Service. We proclaim God's hope and love to all.

Serving at Mass Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm – Janet Kendra
Mike Misiak
Priest
Deacon
Dave Moser
Trudy Moser

January 28 Lectors

L. Franks

7:30 am – Paul Moser
Maureen Moser
Priest
Deacon
Jan Valeriano
Mary Weber
Beverly Bowser
Cameron Bowser
Lori Brozena
Barbara Jaruszewski
Jo Ellen Carr
Ray Carr

P. Frank

10:00 am – Renee DeGrassi
Terry Quatrani
Priest
Deacon
Keith Greczek
Stephanie Greczek

T. Benner
W. Benner

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

Monday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, January 23, Saint Marianne Cope & Saint Vincent
8:00 am – Joseph F. Josko Jr.,
(Family)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales
8:00 am – Tom Virus,
(Wife Judi, Daughters and Grandchildren)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul

8:00 am – Elsie Connelly,
(Connelly/Wieand families)
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, January 26, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

8:00 am – Gary Cangemi,
(Ed & Ginny Hazelett)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, January 27, Saint Angela Merici
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

7:30 am – Mary Lou Ditro,
(Jim & Denise Breidenbach)
10:00 am – Harriet Decker,
(Paul & Doris Decker)

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes, also for their caregivers; and all those we hold close in our hearts.

Please pray in particular for:

Philip Myers; Michael Quigley.

For those who have died, and in particular for, **Patricia Meinzer** and **Virginia Piechocki**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

FIRST FRIDAY

February 2nd is First Friday. Mass is in the Saint Anne Chapel at 9:00 AM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Please commit to spend some time with our Lord at the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH NEWS

SAINT PHILIP NERI

AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome any questions or comments you may have.

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HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings can be arranged by calling or emailing Shirley Misiak at the rectory during business hours, Monday thru Friday (9:30 AM - 4:30 PM) (215.679.9275) or email to:

ofcmgr@spnparish.org to make a request.

The request will then be recorded and then forwarded to one of the Deacons who will follow up with a phone call to schedule a visit.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

January 15, 2017	January 14, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 4,872.00	\$ 5,316.00
Online: 1,836.00	1,511.00
Loose: 469.00	680.00
Children: 32.00	21.00
Total: \$ 7,209.00	\$ 7,528.00

SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

January 2018

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an on-line giver, the following special collections are: Catholic Relief Services, 100th Anniversary.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2017

Any parishioner requesting a copy of their contribution statement for 2017, call the rectory office between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM or email to: ofcmgr@spnparish.org. Statements are mailed upon request only.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

In response to parishioner's inquiries, if you would like to make a donation to a specific project being considered by the Church, please put your check or cash in an envelope and place the project you want to donate to on the front of the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Rectory.

Your dollars will be put towards your specific project. The top four (4) projects currently being looked into are:

1. New Church Roof
2. New Church AC
3. Repaving Church Parking Lot
4. Refurbishing of Church Organ

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning February 15, 2018, for six (6) weeks, the St. Philip Neri Bible Study Group will be studying Journey Through the Scriptures Series - **The Bible and Virgin Mary.**

As in the past, there will be two (2) six (6) week sessions: Thursday evenings starting at 7:00 PM and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM (with the exception of First Friday) will start at 10:00 AM.

Our Bible Study sessions are held at the Neri Center in East Greenville.

If you are interested in joining the group, call Joan Lampart at: 215.529.5686 or email to: jmlampart@verizon.net.

The cost is \$25 dollars for the Study Book.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Prayer and Praise Group will now meet on Wednesday evenings in the Saint Anne Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, call Jan Valeriano at: 215.668.3854 for further information.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Our parish Breakfast was held on Sunday, January 14th; with 328 people attending.

There were three (3) winners for a FREE Breakfast – they are:

Barbara Jaruszewski, M/M Schatz and Jean Wiest.

The next breakfast is Sunday, February 11th; save the date!

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Annual Report 2017

Twelve (12) dedicated Friendly Visitors have made a total of 348 visits and logged 369 hours of active listening with their homebound and/or Nursing Home parishioners during 2017.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time to keep company with people who are lonely and in need of emotional support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in this ministry, call LaRue Emmell at: 215.679.3086.

H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E. Ministry is looking for someone to bring a newly registered parishioner to Mass. She lives in Pennsburg and has no specific preference for Saturday or Sunday. Can you help? If available, call Mary Ellen Paulk at 215.679.6641.

Give a St. Philip Neri Memorial Gift!

For a donation of \$35 or more, there is a beautiful Folder recording the gift and donor to be presented to the family.

In memory of **Michael Metzinger**; requested by Carol Bradley and the SPN Holy Rosary Mass Attendees.

We also have Living Memorials for those special occasions in life.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of more Lectors to assist at Mass and various Liturgies; therefore, are inviting all parishioners, age 16 years and older to consider becoming a Lector. The only qualifications are a willingness to open yourself to the Holy Spirit and become a voice in the service of our Lord. Training will be offered to help everyone become comfortable before being scheduled to read. Please consider this Calling; if you are interested or would like more information, contact Deacon Pat: deaconpat@spnparish.org, 215.901.8446 (cell number) or contact Shirley at the rectory: ofcmgr@spnparish.org.

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday – February 11, 2018

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Menu: Scrambled eggs. Bacon. Sausage.
Scrapple. Chipped beef.
Home fried potatoes.
Pancakes (plain and one topping).
Cereal. Toast
Milk. Coffee. Hot tea. 3 juices.**

Omelette Station: prepared to order – always with a minimum of four (4) different ingredients.

Make your own Waffles:

Fix'n Bar:

Yogurt, Granola and Fresh Fruit

Homemade Egg Rolls for sale!

For every 100 sold breakfasts, one FREE will be given away!

Seniors (60 & up):	\$ 8.00
Adults (11 – 60)	\$ 9.00
Ages: 4 – 11	\$ 5.00
4 & under:	\$ 1.00

Checks and major credit cards are accepted.

SPN CATHOLY FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Look in your mail for the 2018 Spring Program catalog which was mailed out last week – there are many new programs for the entire family to enjoy!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 – Catholicism: the Pivotal Players (Bishop Barron Series)

Hear about the lives and works of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo in this series. Cost: \$25.00 covers the cost of the study guide or pay \$5 per session. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the CFLC.

Saturday, February 17 – Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Hartford Wolf Pack at PPL Center, Allentown, PA

It's "Go for Gold" night between these two great rivals! Cost: \$47/adult; \$22/child (includes tickets and transportation). 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Saturday, March 10 – "Cross & Light" – this is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience on the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit! Cost: \$40.00 (includes ticket and transportation to St. John Bosco's in Hatboro). 11:45 am – 3:30 pm.

Joyful Heart Lounge and Library – open
Tuesday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Other days/times by appointment only.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS **COMING IN LENT 2018!**

The Cross and the Light Passion Play
Encounter Christ anew through The Cross and the Light Passion Play in Lent 2018.

This is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the greatest love story of all time. "The Cross and the Light opens the

floodgates of God's mercy and love . . . You can't deliver the Good News of Jesus in a more dynamic and sensational way in our present time! All ages will be drawn to Jesus and His unconditional love for each and every person."

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To watch videos, see performance schedule and to purchase tickets online: www.crossandlight.com/stjohnbosco

Performance Schedule: **St. John Bosco in Hatboro, PA**

March 8, 2018 at 10AM

March 8, 2018 at 7PM

March 9, 2018 at 10AM

March 9, 2018 at 7PM

March 10, 2018 at 1PM

March 10, 2018 at 7PM

AREA NEWS

RETREAT FOR HEALING ABUSE

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse. Our upcoming Philadelphia area Program Retreat will be held February 18th-23rd.

This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5 day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation. This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in God because of the betrayal of abuse. Call Jeanne at info@griefftoGrace.org or 610.203.2002.

AREA NEWS

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(metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com)

January 2018:

Tuesday, January 23:

Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales.

February 2018:

Friday, February 2:

Movie Night (Wreck it Ralph) @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales.

Tuesday, February 13:

Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima in North Wales at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, February 20:

Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville. Doors open at 7PM; talk starts 7:30PM

Tuesday, February 27:

Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM



Sunday, Jan 21, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's not the end of the world

If there's one thing we can use less of, it's negative attitudes. After a brief perusal of daily headlines, we might be forgiven for thinking that the next six wars are preloaded, our food supply is toxic, strangers may be killers, and all leaders are liars. Yet our sacred story declares that human hearts can change. The future can be anything we want it to be. All we have to do is choose. Decide today to walk the road of hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68).* "Jonah began his journey . . . announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.' "

Monday, Jan 22, 2018

Change is gonna come

Those first disciples called by Jesus "immediately" left everything and followed him. Often we're inspired by a Sunday sermon or something we read in the paper or hear on the news. Then we feel the need to change our lives in some way in order to become better people. Yet change is hard when so much holds us in place: our families, our jobs—all our responsibilities. Yet there is always a need to leave something behind in order to gain something better. What must you let go of today in order to answer the Lord's call to fulfillment?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317).* "Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

Follow an inspiring example

Many of us have heard of Father Damien, famous for his work with those with leprosy, but Sister Marianne Cope, at the age of 45 likewise volunteered for the Hawaiian mission at Molokai. She served girls and women with leprosy, emphasizing "pride and fun" and dignity in the colony. Soon after her death, a local woman wrote in the *Honolulu Advertiser* that she was "a woman [who devoted] every hour of 30 years to the mothering of people isolated by law from the rest of the world. She risked her own life in all that time, faced everything with unflinching courage, and smiled sweetly through it all." Who can you help today, right at home, to see beyond the harshness of life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35 (318).* "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be the retiring type

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622) led a full life, both before and after his relatively late decision to join the priesthood. In his era, a life of holiness was considered the domain of monks and nuns, certainly not of laypeople. But he believed God could and should be found in everyday life and was one of the first great religious teachers to offer spiritual direction to lay Catholics living and working in the world, such as in his book *Introduction to the Devout Life*. His advice to those busy with the world's affairs is as valid today as it was then: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others, and talk to God." Practice a little "early retirement" today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 (319). "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."*

Thursday, Jan 25, 2018

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

The impossible is possible

Have you or someone you know ever experienced a conversion? Conversion can take many forms. Someone turns their life around—recovering from an addiction, bouncing back from an illness or a setback and going at life in a whole new way. The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. How could this person who was out to imprison and kill Christians suddenly be one of them? For God all things are possible. With God's help, that makes a lot of things possible for us, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"*

Friday, Jan 26, 2018

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Be a living example

Timothy and Titus were companions and coworkers of the apostle Paul. We call them bishops because Christian tradition sees them as the first leaders of the churches in Ephesus (Greece) and Crete. They carried the gospel to the world in the earliest days of the church. They show us that the best way for our faith to live and grow is to live it. All Christians, not only leaders, bear a responsibility to take part in the mission of the church. To spread the faith, make yourself a living example of it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:26-34 (520; Gospel 321). "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?"*

Saturday, Jan 27, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Share and share alike

Saint Angela Merici didn't set out to form a typical religious community of women. An orphan herself, she began by simply giving religious instruction to the poor and uneducated children of her neighbors. Before long, other women were attracted to join her. By the time she was 50, prompted by a heavenly vision, she began a community of women called the Ursulines who embraced virginity, poverty, and obedience. But they took no formal vows. They didn't formally congregate as a religious community, either, but stayed at home to evangelize to their family, friends, and neighbors. Evangelism can begin with even the tiniest seed. With whom will you share a bit of the Good News today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"*

SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON

WE'RE HAVING A SUPER BOWL PARTY!

**Come dressed in your favorite team's colors
(Optional, of course)**



WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 24, 2018 - 11:30 AM

We will also have a guest speaker from Arbour Square, Harleysville, PA -
who will discuss all aspects of downsizing

**To make your reservation:
call Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009
NO LATER THAN January 19, 2018**

Suggested offering for the lunch is \$5.00

Lenten Fish Fry/Seafood Dinner

The first Organizational Meeting of this Committee was held on November 16. We had seven people in attendance. Others have expressed interest in helping. Decision was made to seek volunteers to set up, prepare, and serve meals. Suggested schedule is Lunches each Friday of Lent. Strive to shorten Prep time from daily to Thursday and Fridays. Dinners on February 23, March 16, and March 30 Sponsor 2-3 Seafood Dinners throughout the year.

Complete form and drop in the collection, or mail to the rectory

Volunteers for Friday Fish Fry

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Schedule when you are available:

Thursday 12:00 NOON – 4:00 _____ PM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Friday 8:00 AM – Noon _____ Noon – 4:00 PM _____ 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Positions willing to work:

Circle your choices:

Set Up Food Prep Cook Serve Phone Orders

Clean Up Cashier Dish Washers Donate Desserts

Saturday evening Seafood Dinners

Schedule when you are available:

Friday 12:00 NOON – 4:00 _____ PM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Saturday 8:00 AM – Noon _____ Noon – 4:00 PM _____ 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Positions willing to work:

Circle your choices:

Set Up Food Prep Cook Serve Phone Orders

Clean Up Cashier Dish Washers Donate Desserts

Questions contact Bill Robinson 215-896-5949 or wcrobinson2@hotmail.com

**LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS VS. HARTFORD WOLF PACK
PPL CENTER, ALLENTOWN, PA
SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 17, 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM**



It's "Go for Gold Night" celebrating the Olympics! We'll meet at 5:45 pm at the Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041, to enjoy a short bus trip to Allentown to watch this rivalry! Tickets are reserved in the **Attack Zone** Lower Level where the action really heats up!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - DEADLINE FEBRUARY 2

Cost: \$47/adult \$22/child – includes tickets and transportation

**REGISTER: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail form with check payable to SPN CFLC to:
SPN Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041; or phone 215-679-2237.**

Name: _____ ***Email:** _____

Address: _____ ***Phone:** _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

***Required for notification of change or cancellation**